

Comments opposing the use of animals in the NTP testing program were received on September 28, 2004 from the following (individual messages follow):

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**Date:** Tue Sep 28, 2004 10:12:34 PM US/Eastern

**To:** "Olden, Ken (NIH/NIEHS)" <olden@niehs.nih.gov>, "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

**Subject:**

**Reply-To:** hhrivlin@excite.com

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September 28, 2004

Dear Sir:

I am writing to remind the National Toxicology Program (NTP) that animals are not test tubes with whiskers, and demand that it pull the plug on the animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination.

Each year, the NTP spends millions of tax dollars to poison animals in crude and outdated tests of chemical toxicity. What's worse is that the NTP actively encourages people to nominate chemicals that they would like to see tested on animals. This has led to a veritable laundry list of ill-conceived NTP testing recommendations, including proposals to conduct extensive animal testing of plant extracts that have been used without harm for generations as dietary supplements (e.g., grape seed and pine bark extracts), as well as proposals to retest such well-known hazardous substances as turpentine and antifreeze.

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(which means force-feeding the substance to animals every day for three to six months), as well as testing for metabolic and cardiovascular responses and birth defects in animals.

Please do the right thing and end these animal tests. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Gardiner

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**From:** Bauchau <devi@pacbell.net>  
**Date:** Tue Sep 28, 2004 6:29:56 PM US/Eastern  
**To:** masten@niehs.nih.gov  
**Subject:** ATTN Dr Masten  
**Reply-To:** devi@pacbell.net

Dear Dr Masten,

I respectfully remind you that animals are as sensitive as you are and that test conducted on cells rather than on animals are more accurate for humane purpose.

Please pull the plug on the  
animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency  
Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination

Thank you very much for your attention  
Best regards  
Mijanou Bauchau  
devi@pacbell.net

**From:** Jessica Clifford <jessica0806@excite.com>

**Date:** Tue Sep 28, 2004 2:25:09 PM US/Eastern

**To:** "Olden, Ken (NIH/NIEHS)" <olden@niehs.nih.gov>, "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

**Subject:** disgusted US citizen

**Reply-To:** jessica0806@excite.com

Dr. Kenneth Olden and Dr. Scott Masten,

I am completely baffled and disgusted by the fact that you allow the NTP to test agents on rats and non-human primates. Animals are not test tubes and their lives should be respected. Did you know that it is against God's words to torture and kill animals?

We are living in 2004, and many scientists have come forward to speak out on animal rights issues- they have spoken out to the fact that we have advance equipment to conduct animal testing. Also, we have other alternate capabilities that would allow us to spare a life.

How dare you play God and allow my tax money to fund sadistic and cruel experiments on helpless creatures? Have you ever thought of volunteering yourselves or one of your family members?

All species have a right to live a full, healthy and comfortable existence. I am so shocked to hear that your "company" uses primitive and sadistic means to experiment poisonous agents.

You should be ashamed of yourselves.

Please make an effort to ban this cruel experimentation. Use other methods that do not take away from a life. Try and be merciful to these helpless creatures that feel pain, loneliness and sadness. Look at your lives and the happiness you have, and then look at the pain you inflict onto others.

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**From:** David Godin <dgstarks@hotmail.com>  
**Date:** Tue Sep 28, 2004 4:09:02 PM US/Eastern  
**To:** "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>  
**Subject:** Poisoning Tests on Newborn Primates

Dear Dr. Scott Masten,

I am writing regarding the National Toxicology Program's (NTP) yearly testing of chemical toxicity. The latest testing recommendations spell suffering and death to many thousands of animals. Please pull the plug on

the animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for

Chemical Evaluation and Coordination. Animal's will suffer and die agonizingly if the tests take place. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

David Godin  
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Sound Beach, NY 11789  
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**Date:** Tue Sep 28, 2004 6:40:50 PM US/Eastern

**To:** "Olden, Ken (NIH/NIEHS)" <olden@niehs.nih.gov>, "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

**Subject:** Animal Testing

Hello

It has come to my attention that the National Toxicology Program uses animals for testing purposes.

Animals were not put on this earth to be inhumanly used for testing through cruel experiments. Animals are able to feel pain and emotions such as terror, and anxiety just as keenly as humans can.

Stop using animals for testing.

Kristine Martin

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**From:** Laim H <laim\_huds89@hotmail.com>  
**Date:** Tue Sep 28, 2004 6:44:18 PM US/Eastern  
**To:** "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>  
**Subject:**

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Please, you can help end the suffering of these truly beautiful and intelligent animals. These animals deserve to be happy, not poisoned in pointless and cruel experiments.

Thank You,  
Liam Hudson

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**From:** amb1023@aol.com

**Date:** Tue Sep 28, 2004 9:09:16 PM US/Eastern

**To:** masten@niehs.nih.gov

Dear Dr. Scott Masten,

I would like to consider myself an animal activist, and a caring, compassionate human being. I do not know you, but however what I have heard about your program does not speak very well about your character. Animals are not test tubes with whiskers. They are living, feeling beings. There are other ways to experiment, rather than to injure animals and subject animals to cruel tests. Please pull the plug on the animal tests recommended in June. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Amanda Bloom



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Dear Sir,

I am writing because of these sad, cruel news from the animal protection organization PETA:

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toxicity data are already available for these chemicals.

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cardiovascular responses and birth defects in animals."

I am appealing to you, please do everything in your might to stop such unnecessary, cruel animal suffering, and replace it with humane, alternate methods, please do it for the animals' sake and the future of the NTP!

Yours sincerely

Markus Hefner, Germany

**From:** katelyn Davis <elfnemrld@yahoo.com>

**Date:** Tue Sep 28, 2004 11:07:24 AM US/Eastern

**To:** "Olden, Ken (NIH/NIEHS)" <olden@niehs.nih.gov>, "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

**Subject:**

Please stop expirementing on animals. It spends TONS of tax money, and animals are NOT OURS to expirement on. They are living, feeling creatures!

Plus, the tests are crude and ineffective.

Katelyn Davis

Knowlegde is power.

Power corrupts.

Study hard,

Be evil.

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**From:** IVAN313@aol.com  
**Date:** Tue Sep 28, 2004 11:21:04 AM US/Eastern  
**To:** "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>  
**Subject:** testing programs

Dr. Scott Masten  
Office of Chemical Nomination and Selection  
National Toxicology Program  
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

Dear Dr. Masten:

I am writing to voice my strong objection to the National Toxicology Program (NTP) which spends millions of tax dollars to poison animals in crude and outdated tests of chemical toxicity.

It is unconscionable that the NTP would actively encourage people to nominate chemicals that they would like to see tested on animals. This has led to a variety of ill-conceived NTP testing recommendations, including proposals to conduct extensive animal testing of plant extracts that have been used without harm for generations as dietary supplements (e.g., grape seed and pine bark extracts), as well as proposals to retest such well-known hazardous substances as turpentine and antifreeze.

The NTP's latest testing recommendations are as primitive and barbaric as any in past proposals. Animals are living beings and you do not have the moral right to treat them as research objects. It is especially offensive that the NTP would test on animals for non-medical purposes.

It is time for the NTP to join the 21st century and end animal tests as recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination. Modern times require creative ideas, not antiquated cruelty.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** "Winkleman, Kathy \ (GE Advanced Materials, consultant\)" <kathy.winkleman@ge.com>

**Date:** Tue Sep 28, 2004 2:03:58 PM US/Eastern

**To:** <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

**Subject:** National Toxicology Program

*Dear Dr. Masten,*

*I wanted to quickly write to you and let you know my concern for the National Toxicology Program and their animal testing. I understand that substances have to be tested, some of these substances are going to be extremely toxic while others may not. But using animals as test tubes to run these tests on is an outrage. If tests can't be run without harming or endangering the lives of the animals used then the test just shouldn't be done. There is no line that can be drawn on the taking of an innocent life, even if it is in the name of science. Please keep this in mind when further testing comes up in the future.*

*Thank you for your time*

**From:** Paola Pannucci <paola\_pannucci@hotmail.com>

**Date:** Tue Sep 28, 2004 10:28:01 PM US/Eastern

**To:** "Olden, Ken (NIH/NIEHS)" <olden@niehs.nih.gov>, "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

**Subject:** Pull the Plug on Poisoning Tests on Newborn Primates

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**Date:** Tue Sep 28, 2004 12:28:17 PM US/Eastern  
**To:** "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>  
**Subject:** Animal Testing

09-28-04

Dr. Scott Masten  
Office of Chemical Nomination and Selection  
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Animals are not test tubes with whiskers. We know that ingesting chemicals can seriously damage or kill us. We don't need to continue these gruesome tests to keep proving that.

Please choose to be humane and discontinue these unnecessary tests and save thousands of animals who deserve to live.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Respectfully,  
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